

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 7.

SNOW STORM.—A driving snow storm, from the Northeast, commenced here this morning, about 7 o'clock. The snow continued to fall all the morning. The winter has set in early.

It appears that in all the States that have now voted for members of Congress the democrats have made the following gains:

Pennsylvania.....	4	Indiana.....	2
New Jersey.....	1	Maine.....	1
Iowa.....	1	Massachusetts.....	1
New York.....	8	Illinois.....	3
Ohio.....	5	Wisconsin.....	2
Minnesota.....	1		
Total gain.....	29		

These 29 members make a difference of 58 votes in the House. In some of the States named one or two of the districts are in some doubt but the gain is as likely to be increased as diminished.

The various rumors afloat, in the newspapers, and in letters from England, relative to reported or expected intervention by England or France, or both, in American affairs, begin to excite great attention, and the arrival of Lord Lyons is now looked for with much anxiety.—It is thought that he will bring definite information on the important subject.

There still continue to be rumors of changes in the Cabinet. It is said that Caleb B. Smith, Secretary of the Interior, has been offered a seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of the U. S.

An investigation into the burning of Haymarket, Prince William County, by the Federal troops, has been ordered by Gen. Sigel, but the result of the investigation we have not learned.

When we spoke of the price of apples, yesterday, we should have said that they sold at the low rates mentioned, at some places in Western N. York.

Gen Chas. H. Jameson, U. S. A., of Maine, died yesterday, near Bangor. He has been in failing health ever since the battle of Fair Oaks.

It is thought that the present weather will operate very much against military movements, in the adjacent country, in Virginia.

The N. Y. Express says that the Republicans lost \$100,000 by betting on the late New York election—besides other losses.

Recently, a man at Port Clinton, Ohio, murdered two girls, and then killed himself.

There was a great rush to the custom-house in Cincinnati, on Wednesday, to procure postal currency, and the excitement was high.—The provost marshal's had to be sent for to preserve order, and were compelled to use the butt ends of their muskets to keep a crowd off.

The New York Herald is down upon its newly elected members of Congress. It says:—“Fernando Wood and James Brooks are the only very smart men—all the other delegates are mere nincompoops, except Deacon Herrick, who is worse than a nincompoop.”

Duff Green's “row” on Capitol Hill is being converted into a military prison, capable of holding from 1,500 to 2,000 persons. The buildings were formerly used as a “contraband depot.”

GENERAL NEWS.

A remarkable railroad accident, causing the death of Mrs. Bridget Fahey and her child, occurred at Baltimore on Monday night. A yard engine belonging to the Bolton depot was moving freight cars from the depot along Cathedral street, when it came in contact with a switch-track that runs into Hart & McGowan's coal and lumber yard. The lock of the switch, it is said, had not been attended to. However, the cars instead of running into Howard street, made a sudden turn into and through Hart & McGowan's yard, through the fence, across Foster alley, and into the house occupied by Mr. Martin Fahey. Mrs. Fahey was sitting in the front room with her child in her arms. Her sister, Miss Mary Hennessey, was also there. The entire front of the house (a two-story brick) was knocked out, as was also the flooring. Mrs. Fahey and her child were mashed by the falling ruins. Miss Hennessey was seriously bruised about the head, and body; it is not thought she is dangerously hurt.

Late Richmond papers publish a letter from General Albert Pike against Gen. Hindman, late commander of the “Trans-Mississippi Department.” From this it appears that Gen. Hindman declared martial law wherever he went, and compelled to serve as a provost guard all white males between the ages of sixteen and forty-five who were not subject to conscription or exempt; and punished all persons who might be so exasperated by his orders as to suspend the sale of their wares, merchandise or produce; all who were guilty of immoral or disorderly conduct; all who refused to receive Confederate notes at par, and all who asked a higher price for their goods or produce than he established. The orders were imperative and tyrannical, and tended, in Pike's opinion, to render the government and its subordinates unpopular with the people of the extended section thus trampled upon by a despot and usurper. Hindman is under arrests.

The Richmond papers are rejoicing greatly over the exploits of the steamer Alabama.

Geo. Francis Train has been quizzed by the students of Harvard University.

The household effects of Mr. Hulseman, the Austrian Minister, were sold in Washington, a few days ago.

The Provost Guard in Washington are picking up straggling officers and soldiers in Washington, who are off duty.

It is predicted in the Washington Republican that there will be no general engagement in front, but that Gen. Lee will retreat upon Richmond and go into winter quarters there; that he only designs “to divide and harass the Federal forces, and to put them to all the expense he can.”

Gen. Sigel's health is improving.

A quarrel took place between Gen. Buell and Gov. Johnson of Tennessee, in which sharp words, if not something worse, were used.

The steamer Trenton, in the service of the U. S. Quartermaster's Department, loaded with ammunition, clothing, and other army stores, sailed from New York for Washington city on the 31st ult., in company with a sailing vessel, which is now in the Potomac. As nothing has been heard of the Trenton, it is feared that she is lost.

An expedition is said to have left Newbern, N. C., destination unknown.

General J. B. Richardson, who died from wounds received at the battle of Antietam while commanding a division in the corps of General Sumner, and commanded a brigade at the first battle of Bull Run, and the skirmishes which preceded it. He was a native of Vermont, and is said to be a descendant of the Revolutionary hero, General Putnam. He was a man of massive frame, of unusually quiet and unpretentious address. He was educated at West Point, and served nearly twenty years in the army of the United States, which he left with the rank of Major, a short time ago.

Yesterday, two soldiers who were sent to jail upon the charge of killing Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Montgomery county, Md., a few days ago, were turned over to the military authorities to be tried by court martial. This disposition of the case was by the order of Gen. McClellan.

The N. Y. Times states that upon receiving the information that Capt. Semmes, of the Alabama, had disregarded the certificates of a British consul, regularly affixed to papers establishing the British ownership of certain property on board of a vessel captured by him, the British consul in New York immediately took steps to represent these transactions to Admiral Milne, commanding her Britannic Majesty's squadron in the American waters.—The Admiral, upon receiving the representations of the consul, forthwith ordered three British men-of-war in pursuit of the Alabama, with orders to overhaul that vessel, and convey her to some British port, where the violation of international law may be judicially inquired into. [The N. Y. Express contradicts this statement, and says that the British consul denies it.]

The blockade of the lower Chesapeake and its affluents, it seems, has caused a deal of suffering among the lovers of oysters in H. York, forcing them to ask relief of the Secretary of the Treasury. The Journal of Commerce says: “Secretary Chase has authorized the granting of clearances for oyster schooners from this port, on certain terms.”

We have the particulars of the death of Major Gen. Mitchell at Port Royal. The fever which carried him off was confined to one locality, and had abated at last accounts. Gen. Brannan is now commander of the Department of the South, but it is said that Gen. Hunter will soon return there.

From Fortress Monroe, we learn that a widow lady, Mrs. Piggott, residing near Williamsburg, together with her family, and all her slaves, have been arrested and sent to Richmond. She is a sister of Judge D. J. Bowden, an uncompromising Union man.

Telegraphic messages were yesterday afternoon passed direct between New York and San Francisco, without repetition. The distance is three thousand five hundred miles, the longest electric circuit ever worked.

On Tuesday night last, a woman employed at the Delevan House, Washington, in doing her work about the house came across a demijohn of oil of vitriol in the room of the proprietor and probably taking it for liquor, she drank a portion of it. It was noticed immediately after that she was sick, but at the time no one knew what she had done, and she went to the house of a friend where medical attention was procured. She lingered through the night in great agony, until yesterday morning, when death put an end to her sufferings.